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- Copy of Supplemental Search Report/Official Action issued in the European application corresponding to the present application;
- (2) Copies of the cited publications; and
- (3) Form PTO/SB/08A. It is requested that an initialed copy of the form PTO/SB/08A be returned to indicate that the publications listed therein have been considered and made of record.

An English language abstract is enclosed for each JP document.

Each of the documents is considered relevant because of its citation in the enclosed Search Report and for the reasons stated therein.

A first Action on the merits has issued in this application.

Copies of U.S. patent documents identified on said form PTO/SB/08A are not enclosed herewith since the USPTO waived the requirement to file copies of U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications.

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